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Paper No. 7

In re application of : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Bart Kavanaugh : **TO MAKE SPECIAL**  
Application No. 09/986,670 : **(ACCELERATED EXAMINATION)**  
Filed: November 9, 2001  
For: **SYSTEM FOR FUNDING, ANALYZING**  
**AND MANAGING LIFE INSURANCE**  
**POLICIES FUNDED WITH ANNUITIES**

This is in response to the petition filed on January 14, 2002 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII.

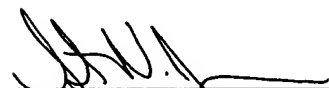
The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

Since all of the requirements for special status under MPEP § 708.02 VIII have been met, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only if petitioner makes a prompt ***bona fide*** effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

**SUMMARY:** Petition to Make Special **GRANTED**.



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THE SPE/EXAMINER NEEDS TO FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING PRIOR  
TO A DECISION BEING MADE ON THE PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL



THERE IS NO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIRED IN THIS CASE



THERE IS A RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIRED AND THE ATTORNEY  
HAS ELECTED WITHOUT TRAVERSE



THERE IS A RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIRED AND THE ATTORNEY  
HAS REFUSED TO ELECT WITHOUT TRAVERSE (MAKE SURE  
ATTORNEY KNOWS THAT HIS PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL WILL BE  
DENIED IF HE REFUSES TO ELECT OR IF HE ELECTS WITH TRAVERSE)

PLEASE RETURN THE CASE ASAP TO:

**STEVEN MEYERS**

**CPK5-8T06**

(UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD AN OFFICE ACTION BE ISSUED  
PRIOR TO THE PETITION BEING DECIDED)